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In the specification:

Please add the following paragraph to page 1, line 2 below the title:

## 5       --PRIOR APPLICATION

This application is a U.S. national phase application based on International Application No. PCT/SE2004/000545, filed 7 April 2004, claiming priority from Swedish Patent Application No. 0301163-2, filed 17 April 2003.--

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Please delete the following sentence from page 1, lines 4-5, as shown below:

"The present invention concerns a method according to the introduction to claim 1."

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Please add the following paragraph on page 1, line 5, as shown below:

--Field of Invention

20       The present invention relates to a method for steam treatment of chips with the addition of an acid liquid.--

Please add the following paragraph at the end of the detailed description but before the claims, as shown below:

25       --While the present invention has been described in accordance with preferred compositions and embodiments, it is to be understood that certain substitutions and alterations

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may be made thereto without departing from the spirit and  
scope of the following claims.--